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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is there any proposed to earmark the profits separately for the purchase of new vehicles to avoid the congestion in the buses?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, the way in which the net revenues are disposed of is as follows :—

We pay an interest of $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent on capital borrowed from the Government.

We set apart 1/6th of the cost of the fleet as depreciation charges.

Then we set apart a certain amount for the development fund.

We have also a passenger amenity fund.

Then after paying all these things the net surplus is again transferred to the general revenues as profits.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Are not the Government aware of the disparities created on account of the existing rules? Some companies are allowed to own hundreds of buses and innumerable people in the State who do not have any other avocation are denied permits?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I have already answered that the grant of permits is regulated by law and if a person is eligible under the law, then I do not see why he should be prevented from having it.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, are we to understand that the new buses are purchased from out of the revenue account and no allocation is made out of the profits for the purchase of buses?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, this is rather a different kind of arrangement so far as Government undertakings are concerned. Whenever we expand the route, we will have to borrow money from the Government notwithstanding the fact that there is already enough money in the depreciation fund, and pay interest on that. But what we have now done is to provide for a development fund from which a part of the augmentation fleet will be purchased and another part from the borrowings from the Government.

Industrial Estate at Kancheepuram

* 185 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN (on behalf of Sri A. K. Thangavel Mudaliar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to start an Industrial Estate at Kancheepuram; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) The question does not arise.